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RE: U.S. Patent Application entitled, "CANINE AND FELINE IMMUNOREGULATORY PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, AND USES THEREOF,"
filed December 1, 1999
(Our patent file no.: IM-2-C2)

Dear Gek-Kee:

Please find enclosed, for execution by you, a Declaration and an Assignment which we need to file before May 18, 2000, in support of the above-referenced patent application. Please sign and return these forms to us in the attached return FedEx envelope. Please note that your signature on the Assignment needs to be notarized. If your address has changed, please cross out the wrong address, print your correct address, and initial this change.

On December 9, 1999, we mailed to you a spiral-bound copy of the above-referenced patent application. We are assuming you received it because it never came back. If you do not have a copy of the application as filed, please let me know and we will send another. This filing is a continuation-in-part application of a U.S. Patent Application filed May 28, 1999, entitled "CANINE AND FELINE IMMUNOREGULATORY PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, AND USES THEREOF"; which claims priority to a U.S. Provisional Patent Application filed May 29, 1998, entitled "CANINE INTERLEUKIN-4 AND FLT-3 LIGAND PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, AND USES THEREOF". Because this application contains Heska confidential information, we ask that you keep the application and related documents in a secure place.

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Sincerely,

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Gek-Kee Sim of 3622 Terry Point Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524; Shumin Yang of Stanford Villa Apartment #250, 3353 Alma Street, Palo Alto, California 94306; Matthew J. Dreitz of 4324 Winterstone, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525; and Ramani S. Wonderling of 5808 Park Ridge Court, Fort Collins, Colorado 80528; have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled "CANINE AND FELINE IMMUNOREGULATORY PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, AND USES THEREOF," for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been prepared for filing, said application being identified as Attorney File No. IM-2-C2 and executed on even date herewith;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that we, the said inventors, for and in consideration of certain good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, at the request of the assignee do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee, Heska Corporation, a Delaware corporation, having a place of business at 1613 Prospect Parkway, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the aforesaid application for the territory of the United States of America and all continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part and reissue applications, all patent applications in foreign countries, all applications pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and all applications for extension filed or to be filed for the invention, and all Letters Patent, Invention Registrations, Utility Models, Extensions or Reissues and other patent rights, obtained for the invention in the United States or any other country; we also assign any right, title or interest in and to the said invention which has not already been transferred to the assignee, we warrant that we have made no assignment of the invention, application or patent therefor to a party other than Heska Corporation and we are under no obligation to make any assignment of the invention, application, or patent therefor to any other party; and we further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent and in confirming assignee's exclusive ownership of the invention, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue the Letters Patent solely in accordance with the terms of this Assignment, to Heska Corporation, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Assignment as of the date indicated hereunder.

Date: _____

By: _____
Gek-Kee Sim

Date: _____

By: _____
Shumin Yang